



Oxycontin





Learning Objective

- Identify the dangers of Oxycontin misuse and abuse.





What is Oxycontin



- Oxycontin is an opium derivative that is available by prescription.
- Oxycontin is an extremely potent and addictive pain killer that comes in time release tablets.
- Prescribed to cancer patients and chronic pain sufferers to help manage their pain.





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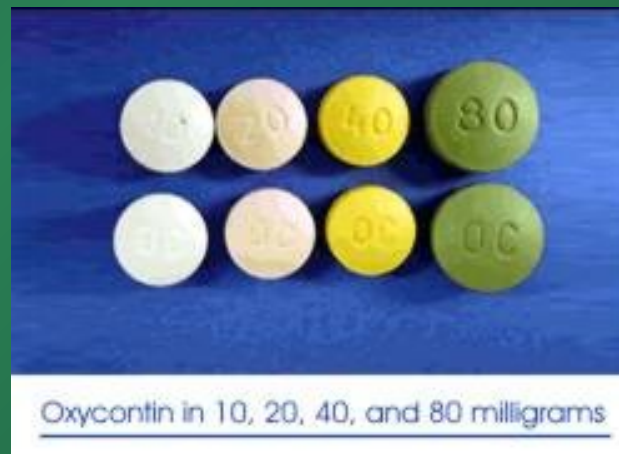
- Pills can be prescribed in 10, 20 and 40 milligram doses.
- Oxycontin is also known as OCs, Oxycodone, Oxycotton and Killers
- Was approved by the FDA in 1995 as a time released form of Oxycodone.
- Because of its time release mechanism, oxycontin should only be consumed in its pill form.
- Oxycontin has been linked to





Minor Side Effects

- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- Nausea / Vomiting
- Heartburn
- Pinpoint Pupils
- Dry Mouth





Serious Side Effects

- Chest Pains
- Muscle Weakness
- Skin Rashes
- Breathing Difficulties
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness /
Coma
- Death





Oxycontin Testing in the Army

- **The Army tests for Oxycontin on a rotational schedule.**
- **The illegal use of Oxycontin or any drug goes against Army Values and Warrior Pride.**





Additional Information

Additional information on Oxycontin can be found by contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting www.acsap.army.mil.





WARRIOR

- P**ersonal **Courage:** Possess the Personal Courage not to use drugs or abuse alcohol and to notify the Chain of Command of Soldiers that do.
- R**espect: Show your Respect to the Army, your unit, fellow Soldiers, and yourself by staying drug free and drinking responsibly.
- I**ntegrity: Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army's drug and alcohol policies.
- D**uty: Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.
- E**xcellence: Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!